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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF

Administrative Action

Bruce Speiser, D.M.D. License No. 22DI01558400 FINAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY IN THE STATE : OF NEW JERSEY :

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry ("Board") upon receipt of information concerning Bruce Speiser, D.M.D. ("Respondent"), which the Board has reviewed and on which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

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## FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent is the holder of License No. 22DI01558400 and was licensed to practice as a dentist in the State of New Jersey on July 1, 1986. Respondent did not renew his license to practice dentistry prior to its expiration on July 16, 1990 resulting in his license being automatically suspended by operation of law without a hearing pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.1(b).
- 2. On February 8, 2011, before the New York State Education Department, Office of Professional Discipline, State Board of Dentistry, respondent admitted guilt to a charge of professional misconduct, following a conviction of Grand Larceny in the Third Degree, on or about May 25, 2010. The conviction was based on his

submission of false claims to the New York State Medical Assistance Program for dental services, and fee splitting with non-dentists.

3. Respondent's application for permission to surrender his license to practice as a dentist in the State of New York was granted on February 8, 2011.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent has admitted that he engaged in acts that constitute a crime of moral turpitude and relate adversely to the activity regulated by the Board in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f). Additionally, his action in surrendering his license to the New York State Education Department is tantamount to a suspension of licensure that would give rise to disciplinary action in this State in that his authority to engage in the activity regulated by the Board has been revoked or suspended in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(g). Furthermore, his conduct constitutes engaging in professional misconduct pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e), all of which provide grounds for disciplinary action in this State.

## DISCUSSION

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline ("POD") was filed on September 19, 2012. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30<sup>th</sup> business day following entry unless respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by submitting a written request for

modification or dismissal setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

The POD was served upon respondent on September 19, 2011 by regular and certified mail with return receipt requested to respondent's address of record at 1125 Clinton Avenue, Irvington, NJ 07111 and to his mailing address in New York: 19 Vega Drive, Ronkonkoma, New York 11779-6721. The POD that was served by regular mail to his address of record was not returned as undeliverable, however the POD that was served by certified mail with return receipt requested #7011-2970-0003-7259-9989 was returned as unclaimed. As for the POD that was served to his New York address by regular mail was not returned as undeliverable and the POD served by certified mail with return receipt requested 7011-2970-0003-7259-9972 was signed for by respondent. The USPS Track and Confirm Search Results for the certified mail indicate "Your item was delivered at 3:48 P.M. on October 1, 2012 in Ronkonkoma, NY 11779".

The Board has not received any response to the POD on behalf of respondent. Because the regular mailing of the Provisional Order was sent to respondent's address of record and he signed for the certified mail at his New York address the Board deems service

to have been effected. Accordingly, it determined that further proceedings were not necessary and that the Provisional Order should be made final. Respondent can not evade process by failure to respond to the Provisional order.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this Am day of William, 2012,

- 1. The license of Bruce Speiser, D.M.D., to practice dentistry in this State is hereby suspended, based on the action taken by the State of New York and his admissions, until such time as his license in New York is fully restored with no conditions and restrictions and further order of the Board.
- 2. Respondent shall refrain from engaging in the practice as a dentist in the State of New Jersey and shall not represent himself as a dentist until such time as his license is fully restored with no conditions and restrictions. Any practice in this State prior to reinstatement shall constitute grounds for a charge of unlicensed practice.
- 3. Prior to the Board's consideration of any application of reinstatement of his license in this State, respondent shall:
- a. Request an appearance before the Board or a committee of the Board to discuss his readiness to reenter the practice of dentistry. At that time, respondent shall be prepared to propose his plans for future practice in New Jersey;

- b. Provide the Board with evidence that he is capable of discharging the functions of a licensee in a manner consistent with the public's health, safety, and welfare;
- c. Provide the Board with a full account of his conduct during the intervening period of time from his entry into this order until his appearance pursuant to this order;
- d. Present proof that the New York Board has fully reinstated his license to practice dentistry;
- e. Demonstrate that he has completed the necessary continuing education and all other requirements for reinstatement.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

By

Peter L. DeSciscio, D.M.D.

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